

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a reference database for a computer-readable document comprising:
entering user inputted text data for said computer-readable document in a data file;
determining whether a user inputted a request to input reference data;
entering user inputted reference data into the reference database following said determining finding said user inputted said request to input reference data; and
storing the reference database, said user inputted text data, and other data of the computer-readable document in a single said data file wherein said other data includes at least one citation to said user inputted reference data.
 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable document further comprises a reference field for retrieving a record stored in the reference database.
 3. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reference database further comprises:
fields for different types of reference data sources;
and
fields containing specific information associated with these different types of reference data sources.
 4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the reference database comprises a bibliographic database, and

the reference data sources comprise books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the reference database further comprises one field containing information about a number of citations of a reference in the document.

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: displaying a user interactive dialogue window for inputting reference data.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
synchronizing the reference database with other data sources.

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8. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said method is stored as computer code in a storage medium.

9. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein said computer code is downloaded into said storage medium.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~for creating a reference database for a computer readable document~~ comprising:
a processor; and
a storage medium coupled to said processor, and including a reference database for a computer-readable document, storing user inputted reference data, together with a said computer-readable document including user inputted text data in a single data file wherein said computer-readable document includes at least one citation to information in said reference database.

11. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said processor is in a first device, and said storage medium is in a second device.

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium having stored thereon in a single data file a computer-readable document comprising a reference database storing user inputted reference data, user inputted text data and other data of the computer-readable document wherein said other data includes at least one citation to said user inputted reference data.

13. (Previously Amended) The storage medium of claim 12, wherein the computer-readable document further comprises reference fields.

14. (Previously Amended) The storage medium of claim 12, wherein the reference database contains fields for different types of reference data sources and fields containing specific information associated with these data sources.

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15. (Currently Amended) A computer program for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program comprising program code adapted for:

entering user inputted text data for said computer-readable document in a data file;

determining whether a user inputted a request to input reference data;

entering user inputted reference data into the reference database following said determining finding said user inputted said request to input reference data; and

storing the reference database, said user inputted text data, and other data of the computer-readable document in a single said data file wherein said other

data includes at least one citation to said user inputted reference data.

16. (Original) The computer program of claim 15, wherein the computer-readable document comprises a reference field for retrieving a record stored in the database.

17. (Original) The computer program of claim 15, wherein the reference database comprises fields for different types of reference data sources, and fields containing specific information associated with these data sources.

18. (Original) The computer program of claim 17, wherein the reference database comprises a bibliographic database and the data sources include books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.

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19. (Original) The computer program of claim 18, wherein the reference database comprises one field containing information about the number of citations of a reference in the computer-readable document.

20. (Previously Amended) The computer program of claim 15, further comprising instructions for displaying a user interactive dialogue window on a display screen.

21. (Original) The computer program of claim 20, comprising computer code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program product comprising program code adapted for:

entering user inputted text data for said computer-readable document in a data file;

determining whether a user inputted a request to input reference data;

entering user inputted reference data into the reference database following said determining finding said user inputted said request to input reference data; and

storing the reference database, said user inputted text data, and other data of the computer-readable document in a ~~single~~ said data file wherein said other data includes at least one citation to said user inputted reference data.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein reference fields are included in other data for retrieving the reference data stored in the reference database.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising program code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.